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LETTER DATED 21 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to refer to the letter of my predecessor dated 26 February 1991 to the President of the Security Council (S/22279) concerning the establishment of offices in Iran and Iraq in order to assist in the execution of the tasks entrusted to the Secretary-General by Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

In his letter dated 28 February 1991 (S/22280), the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General that his letter dated 26 February 1991 (S/22279) had been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council who agreed with the observations and recommendations contained in his report of the same date on the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) (S/22263) and concurred with the arrangements proposed in the report and the letter.

While I continue to attach importance to the full implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987), it is necessary to seek more economical ways to pursue the tasks which it entrusted to me.

Accordingly, in early 1993, the offices in Baghdad and Tehran were phased out. In Tehran a Liaison Officer was temporarily attached to an existing United Nations entity there, but his assignment will be completed as of 31 December 1993. I have decided that in present circumstances the Permanent Missions of the Islamic Republic of Iran and of Iraq should in future be used as the channels of communication between the Governments of those countries and the Secretariat for matters related to resolution 598 (1987).

I should be grateful, Mr. President, if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI